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Venice, December 21.

ON *Wednesday* last we had an account by a Vessel belonging to the Fleet, that the great Convoy which Sailed lately from hence, under the Command of Signior *Gioseppo Morosini* being separated by a violent Storm, and the Ship in which his Excellency was with 130 thousand *Zechins* being left alone, the Soldiers that were on Board to the number of about 80 Conspired to seize the said money, and were going to put their Villanous Design in execution, when the Captain of the Ship had notice of it, who having acquainted Signior *Morosini* therewith, and Armed the Ships Company, fell upon the Conspirators, these making a desperate resistance 46 of them were slain, the rest were secured and put into Chains, Five or Six of the Chief of which, with the Officer that Commanded them, were afterwards thrown into the Sea, with Irons on their Legs; On our side 22 Men were killed and divers wounded, among which were Signior *Morosini* and the Captain of the Ship; The Senate have ordered a Gold Chain and 2000 Ducats to be given to the latter for his good Service in this occasion, and Twelve *Zechins* to each of his Men.

Warsaw, Dec. 12. The Letters of the 2d Instant from *Zolkiew* (where the King of *Poland* now is, and intends to pass greatest part of the Winter) give an account that the Forces of the Crown, as likewise those of *Lithuania*, are in their Winter-quarters which have been assigned them on the Frontiers of the Kingdom, from the *Upper Black Russia* to the *Lower Volinia*. That the King hath appointed a great Council of War to be held at *Zolkiew*; and in the mean time hath not only given Orders for the recruiting the Regiments already on foot, but likewise for the raising several new ones. That besides these, the King of *Sueden* and the Elector of *Brandenburgh* are treating with for some of their Troops; That for this purpose the Chancellor of this Crown, at present Ambassador in *France*, has directions to pass through *Berlin* in his Return home; And that the Prince of *Courland* has promised to encrease his Troops to 3000 Men. The Letters add, That the *Tartars* continued their Incursions into *Podolia*, and the *Ukraine*, and committed great Spoil, notwithstanding the Sieur *Lubinski*, and the Sieur *Lesinki*, as well as *Mobila* General of the *Cossacks*, kept several Parties continually abroad to observe them, and that these often met with them, from which Rencounters the *Tartars* seldom escaped without considerable loss. That the King has not yet disposed of the Archbishoprick of *Gnesna*, that several are in Nomination for it, but that its believ'd the Bishop of *Warmia* will be promoted to that See. That the Ambassadors to the Czars of *Moscovy* were gone to *Grodno* in *Lithuania*, where they are to meet, and from thence continue their Journey together for *Moscovy*. That an Express was arrived at *Zolkiew* with Letters from the Princess *Regotzi*, wherein she prays his Majesty to employ his good Offices with the Emperor on her behalf, but that the King had refused to meddle therein, letting her know, that the best advice he could give her, was entirely to submit her self to the Emperor's Clemency. They write from *Lemburgh*, That the *Cossacks* in the Service of this Crown had formed a design to surprize *Miedzibos*, but that it had not succeeded, the Enemy getting notice of it.

Vienna, Decemb. 20. The Council of War meets almost every day to direct the Preparations for the next Campagne, which we are assured will be begun very early. The Duke of *Lorrain* is expected here from *Inspruck* in *February*, to assist at the Consultations that will be then held concerning the prosecution of the War. General *Rabata* has received a considerable Sum of Money to be employed for the providing of Magazines at *Camorra*, and other places in *Hungary*. The Elector of *Brandenburgh* has offered to assist the Emperor with 8 thousand Men against the *Turks*, but his Imperial Majesty is not yet come to a Resolution about the Sum of Money which his Electoral Highness demands in consideration thereof. General *Caraffa* who commands the Imperial Troops which have taken their Winter-quarters in *Transilvania*, has, it's said, had a Conference with Prince *Abassi*, but we do not know the success of it; The Envoy that is here from that Prince since the Answer we told you in our last had been given him upon his Complaint about the Winter-quarters, has not made any farther instances in that matter, but has given notice to the Imperial Ministers, that his Master is sending Ambassadors hither, and that they are already on their Journey, so that a short time will discover the intentions of that Prince; In the mean time the general Opinion here is, that he will accept of the Protection that's offered him by the Emperor. The City of *Debrezen* in *Upper Hungary* is willing to give 80000 Florins monethly for Six months, in lieu of the Winter-quarters which the Imperial Troops had assign'd them there, and it's not doubted but the Emperor will consent to it. The Marquis *de Parella* is come hither from

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